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California Arts Council to sponsor art exhibition of paintings by James Warren Perry and photographs by Dave Stirling, with reception for the artists on February 17, 1998

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SACRAMENTO: The **California Arts Council**, in conjunction with **LaSalle Partners** and the **Side Bar Cafe**, are pleased to announce an exhibition of paintings by **James Warren Perry** and photographs by **Dave Stirling**. A reception honoring the artists will be held on February 17, 1998 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Side Bar Cafe, on the first floor of the building of the Office of the Attorney General located at 1300 I Street, Sacramento. The public is invited to attend and light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on view February 10 through April 10, 1998 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

James Warren Perry is a realist artist currently living and working in Marin County, California. A Marin Arts Council Individual Artist grantee, his artwork is represented in approximately 200 collections, including the California Museum of Art. Among the over 30 venues that have exhibited his artwork are the Oliver Art Center, Hewlett Packard, the California Museum of Art, and the Bolinas Museum. *Artweek*, *Estero* and *American Artist* magazines have featured Mr. Perry's paintings. A 1980 graduate of the California College of Arts and Crafts with distinction, Mr. Perry describes his work: "... The process of mixing colors that capture sunlight shimmering on calm water or the shadow of a passing cloud is one that allows me to return to myself. It is a return to a state of grace."

Dave Stirling is Chief Deputy Attorney General for the State of California. Mr. Stirling's interest in photography started in his mid-thirties when he purchased his first real camera. After taking various photography courses, Mr. Stirling learned to spot a good photograph with his eyes without having to see it through the camera's eyepiece. In each of the photographs on display, he knew before he saw it in the camera that it would be a good photograph. Mr. Stirling lives in Walnut Grove, California with his wife and family.

The California Arts Council, a state agency established in 1976, promotes artistic awareness and participation in California. The California Arts Council's mission is to promote the arts and serve the people of California. The Arts Council provides technical assistance and grants to artists and nonprofit organizations. Applications are reviewed and rated at public meetings by outside professional peer panels and receive final approval from the appointed 11-member Council. Arts Council members include: Thomas Hall, Chair; James L. Loper, Vice Chair; Dea Spanos Berberian; Edward C. Cazier, Jr.; Iris R. Dart; Doris Fisher; Barbara George; Hugh Hewitt; Janet Karatz; David C. Lizarraga; and A.C. Lyles.

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